

St. Jude the Apostle Parish



Sunday, April 18, 2021—Third Sunday of Easter

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. James W. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Deacons..... Deacon Brick & Deacon Steiner
Music Director/Organist/Choirmaster..... Michael Hauser
Folk Group..... Peggy Barkley
Family Faith Formation /Confirmation coordinator.... Lynda Mostowy

RECTORY HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Fridays- 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a registration form obtained at entrances to the church or contact the rectory during office hours.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

The Bereavement committee is a group that provides a luncheon in the Parish Hall for a minimum of 25 people and not more than 100 people following the **funeral Mass** of a parishioner. Volunteers are always needed and will be placed on a rotating team.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon
Tuesday and Thursday..... 6:45 am
Monday–Friday..... 9:00 am
Saturday..... 9:00 am
Holy Day Masses..... see inside

FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION

9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Sept. - June)

No First Friday devotion during July & August

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays.....at the 9:00 am. Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:30 am–8:00 pm in Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays..... 4:00 pm–4:45 pm
(or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made by calling the rectory 6 months in advance. **A date cannot be reserved until the couple meets with the pastor.** Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

BAPTISMS

Held at 1:00 pm on the last Sunday of the month. They can also be scheduled at weekend Masses. A required class for parents and godparents is held in church the Tuesday before the Baptism at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory for registration. A godparent is to be a Confirmed Catholic and be able to obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her parish.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“St. Jude the Apostle is a Roman Catholic community committed to knowing our Christian Faith. We are a welcoming community striving to live in the truth of the Gospel, with love in service to others. Led by the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Eucharist, we believe in the dignity of each person and that all life is sacred.”

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 17, 2021—April 25, 2021**

Saturday, April 17, 2021—(Vigil)

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

9:00 am—Barbara Volk (ann of death) by Janet Volk

5:00 pm—Carmen & Mary Castiglione by daughter, Rosalie

Sunday, April 18, 2021—Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

8:00 am—Leo Campbell by family

10:00 am—William Leach by wife, Emerlita

12 noon—Thomas Houston by Joanne Houston

Monday, April 19, 2021—Easter weekday

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

9:00 am—Mary June Bartlett by Bartlett family

Tuesday, April 20, 2021—Easter weekday

Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

6:45 am—Souls in purgatory

9:00 am—Casimera Olchowski by Jack & Gloria Nowak

Wed., April 21, 2021—St. Anselm, bishop/doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

9:00 am—Thomas Houston by Joanne Houston

Thursday, April 22, 2021—Easter weekday

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

6:45 am—People of the parish

9:00 am—Laure Leffler by Al and Arlene Cunningham

Friday, April 23, 2021—St. George, Martyr/St. Adalbert

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

9:00 am—Lorraine Wiech by Steve and Joan Holesko

Saturday, April 24, 2021—(Vigil)

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

9:00 am—Rosina DiFrancesco by family

5:00 pm—Leo and Angeline Wojnowski by family

Sunday, April 25, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

8:00 am—Barbara Meister by family

10:00 am—Al DiMatteo by Rose & family

12:00 pm—Barbara, Charles and Marjorie Volk by family

ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild will meet in Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. They will be having their annual Pound Auction. Don't forget to bring something that weighs a Pound! This is a fun time and all women of the parish are welcome.

MESSAGE FROM FR JIM

Dear Parishioners,

In last week's Gospel from St John, Thomas expressed doubt that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Jesus proves to him that he has, indeed, risen from the death by showing Thomas his wounds. This conversation parallels the doubt that we face at times. It helps us to come to terms with that doubt.

Notice how the passage played out. Jesus did not berate or ridicule Thomas. He simply showed him the reality of the situation. By seeing Jesus, Thomas understood that his doubt was unfounded. He knew that Thomas was struggling because he was in mourning.

Jesus also points out that those who have not seen but believe are blessed. This helps us to understand that there is ample evidence that Jesus is alive and with us, especially when we are struggling.

Sometimes we have to push ourselves to open up to Christ's presence in order to overcome those difficulties and give us comfort in mourning.

Christ's Peace,

Fr Jim Kirkpatrick



FAITH FORMATION

Elementary & Middle School classes: 10:30-11:30 AM

Saturdays, April 24 (Last class)

High School classes: 6:45-7:45 PM

Mondays, April 26 and May 10 & 17 (Last Class)

Confirmation Candidates-Grade 10 only

Confirmation will be in OCT 2021

First Holy Communion Children:

Retreat: April 24th from 10:30-11:30 AM



Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 27th

-6:00 pm for May 1st Communion

-6:45 pm for the May 8th Communion

First Holy Communions are on May 1st and May 8th at 10:00 AM.

VOCATIONS

A Vocation View



Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles begins Peter's first sermon in the streets of Jerusalem. Our Church is in need of good preachers today! Do you have a clever way with words? Maybe God is calling you to the pulpit!

Find out by contacting the Vocation Office at 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Our Lady of Fatima, Traveling Madonna

Prayer and Devotion

The true Christian is a Marian Christian. To pray is to be Marian. To be devoted is to be like the Immaculata. She shows us that prayer is the heart-to-heart relationship and spiritual intimacy that makes union, faithfulness, and fruitfulness with God possible. To pray and be devoted to Christ, therefore, is to become Marian. There really is no other way.

As in any relationship, it goes without saying that knowledge and love of the "other" will not grow in an environment where the persons do not communicate and share a heart-to-heart intimacy. No marriage begins or endures without communication. Thus, how will a person ever fall in love with God and want to be close to him if they do not talk to him and share their heart with him like Mary! Without a solid prayer life, no one can grow in a sincere and lasting love for God. Over the years I've met many people who experience a weekend of spiritual romance with God during a retreat or a conference. But within a very short period of time, the relationship dies because there was a failure to keep in touch with the beloved. Persevering in prayer is absolutely key to growing in holiness and faithfulness to the beloved. Mary is the great teacher of prayer and devotion. Contrary to a gospel of wealth, health, and prosperity, Mary shows how to persevere in love for God even when it costs us everything.

And it will cost us everything. Continued next week

Donald H. Calloway, MIC

If you and your family would like to honor Blessed Mother by inviting the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home, please call Ann 692-4396, to arrange a time for the Traveling Madonna to visit your home.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Easter flowers that are on the altar at Easter time are given to our Garden Group for planting after the season. You will notice the beautiful flowers around the outside of Church from previous years, we thank our Garden Club ladies for making the grounds of the Church look spectacular!!



April 18, 2021

Our Faith Community's Gift to God

Receipts	4/10/21—4/11/21
Regular Weekly	\$ 7,954.47
Easter	810.00
Flowers	11.00
"We Share" Electronic	
Giving-Reg. Weekly	<u>1,165.00</u>
Total Weekly receipts	\$ 9,940.47

Black & Native American Missions	\$ 25.00
Holy Land	95.00
Catholic Home Missions	5.00

For more information about the "We Share" Contribution Program, visit the Parish Website at www.stjudetheapostleparish.org Click on the "Parish Support" icon and follow the "We Share" link to make secure online donations using credit/debit cards or direct withdrawals from your bank account.

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 Name Parent or Guardian _____
 Phone _____ Address _____
 Childs Name _____ Grade Level _____
 Childs Name _____ Grade Level _____

Submit by April 22nd to Madonna Council, 755 Erie Ave., NT

**Books will be picked up in drive thru at Madonna Council on
May 8 9 am—10 am A-H 10 am—11 am—I-Q
11 am—NOON R-Z"**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 17	5:00 pm	J. Seymour, K. Adowski, S. Cuccia
Sunday, April 18	8:00 am	B. & C. Yager MJ Wolanyk
	10:00 am	R. Sarullo, J. Kasperek, B. Brenchley
	12 noon	J. Arnold, S. Maziarz, B. Giroux
Saturday, April 24	5:00 pm	N. Garcia, T. Sack, K. Adowski
Sunday, April 25	8:00 am	D. MacDonakd, K. Lucin, E. Frank
	10:00 am	R. Dunning, J. Peresie, J. Casillo
	12 noon	J. Arnold, P. Ziatts D. Durnin



LECTORS

Saturday, April 17	5:00 pm	G. Smeragliuolo
Sunday, April; 18	8:00 am	D. Scibilia
	10:00 am	M. Brockmyer
	12 noon	M. Campas
Saturday, April 24	5:00 pm	T. Shilen
Sunday, April 25	8:00 am	M. Martin
	10:00 am	G. & L. Pupo
	12 noon	D. Durnin



PRO-LIFE



How to be the best pro-lifers we can be: (Part 2)

•**Praying and offering sacrifices strategically** - We must pray and offer penance for the sake of ending abortion. Pray the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily for the sake of the unborn and expectant mothers. Consider having a Mass said for them. Consider bearing witness to your belief in the dignity of human life by praying respectfully in front of abortion clinics.

•**Giving our time** - Contact the local National Right to Life. Consider sidewalk counseling, tabling, or sign holding.

•**Helping expectant mothers** - Volunteer at or donate to your local pregnancy resource center.

•**Being open to life** - Be open to life in your own marriage. Quoting from *Humanae Vitae* (14), the Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "'every action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible' is intrinsically evil" (2370). Ever since the first oral contraception was marketed in the U.S. in the 1960s, abortion has become commonplace. This is because the contraceptive mentality treats pregnancy as if it were a disorder needing medical treatment. As a result, many turn to surgical abortions as a remedy for failed contraception.

•**Considering adoption** - Couples can choose life in an important way through adopting children.

•**Voting pro-life** - The Church has identified five non-negotiable moral issues. Abortion is number one. As Catholics, we are forbidden to be pro-choice

Diocesan Pro Life Office 716-847-2205 help during pregnancy

Project Rachel 716-847-2211 Confidential Hotline for post-abortion reconciliation

Confidential Help 888-456-4673 or www.hopeafterabortion.org

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Francis High School—4129 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg is announcing upcoming events. April 24th—tour of the campus, May 1st 7th grade practice exam and July/August—Summer @ St. Francis. Register @ www.stfranchishigh.org. Must pre-register online for Campus tours, Summer camps include many sports and theatre themed weeks of fun. Any question call 626-1200 ext. 582 or e-mail admissions@stfranchishigh.org

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls—Inaugural Ralph R. Meranto Memorial Golf Classic—Monday, August 23rd at Niagara Frontier Country Club. \$150 per golfer—includes cart, lunch, drinks and snacks on the course. One hour hors d'oeuvres and open bar before sit down dinner, plus basket auctions and prizes. Call to register at 283-1455 or visit catholicacademyofniagarafalls.com 11:00 am registration and lunch; 12:30 pm Shotgun start.

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